



The Consular Section of the United States Embassy in Port Louis conducts interviews for non-immigrant visas on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. except on Mauritian and U.S. holidays. Visa application forms are available Mondays through Fridays (except U.S. and Mauritian holidays) between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from the Embassy. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications for visas at least one (1) month prior to their planned departure date for the U.S.

New Regulations now require citizens and residents of the Port Louis Consular District (listed above) between the ages of 14 and 79 to apply in person.

Applicants may collect their passports containing the approved issued visas between 9:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the business day immediately following their interview at the embassy's reception upon presentation of receipts for the processing fee and any visa fee which is applicable.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED WITH EACH VISA APPLICATION:

- a) A completed and signed visa application form (DS-156) for each applicant regardless of age or the fact that a child will be traveling on a parent's passport.
- b) Male applicants between the ages of 16 and 45 must also complete form DS-157.
- c) A non-refundable processing fee of US\$100 for each applicant. The fee may be paid in either US dollars or Mauritian rupees. (Visa fees apply for some nationalities.)
- d) One recent full face photo of applicant, regardless of age, taken within the past six (6) months, measuring 2x2 inches (5 cm), with the head measuring between 1 inch to 1 3/8 inches centered in the frame. Both ears must be fully exposed in each photo, so care should be taken with head coverings. The photo may be in either color or black and white and must be taken against a white or off-white background without borders. Photos taken in front of busy, patterned, or dark backgrounds cannot be accepted. Similarly, tinted photos or those of applicants wearing sunglasses are not acceptable.
- e) Passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond intended period of stay in the U.S.
- f) Any evidence deemed necessary to substantiate the purpose of the trip and departure from the United States after the temporary visit. Applicants must overcome a presumed intention to immigrate to the United States. Such evidence may include, but is not restricted to, a letter from an employer stating length of employment, salary and releasing applicant temporarily from

work for the purpose of the trip; airline itineraries outlining plans while in the United States, or any other document attesting to the applicant's reasons to depart the United States after the short stay, such as family ties, secured employment, or binding obligations in the applicant's country of residence.

- g) Proof of financial solvency and resources adequate for the applicant's expenses while in the United States, e.g., bank statements for the past (6) months.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS:

Students (seeking F or M visas) are required to present a form I-20A-B or I-20M-N completed by the educational institution, while Exchange Visitors (seeking J visas) must present a form DS-2019 completed by the sponsor. Both Students and Exchange Visitors must also complete form DS-158 along with the documents listed in (a) to (g) above, and banking evidence that sufficient funds are available from the applicant, parents or scholarship/stipend sources to defray all expenses during the entire period of anticipated study/exchange.

If funds will come from another source, the providing sponsor will need to submit documentary evidence of the existence of those funds and may want to complete an affidavit of support (I-134) for the applicant to present with the application. Electronic certification of Student Exchange Visa (SEVIS) status transmitted directly to the embassy is also required at time of application and the applicant, through communication with the sponsoring institution, should verify its transmission and its receipt by the embassy.

Temporary Workers (seeking H visas) and Intracompany Transferees (seeking I visas) are required to present evidence of a petition approved by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (ex Immigration and Naturalization Service).